

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as instructed in the marked-up version of the Listing of Claims presented below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A cable lock, comprising:
 - a cable having a cross-sectional shape, the cross-sectional shape of the cable having a radius varying at different circumferential positions of the cross-sectional shape;
 - a housing defining an internal cavity therein; and
 - a wall positioned to block access into the cavity of the housing, the wall having an aperture defined therethrough, the aperture having a shape and having a radius varying at different circumferential positions of the aperture, at least a portion of the cross-sectional shape of the cable having a shape complementary to the shape of the aperture to inhibit ingress of an object into the internal cavity of the housing between the cable and the wall, wherein the wall is rotatable with respect to the housing in insertion of the cable through the aperture.
2. (Original) The cable lock of claim 1, wherein the wall is at least partially positioned within the housing.
3. (Original) The cable lock of claim 1, wherein the wall is disc-shaped.
4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The cable lock of claim 1~~ A cable lock, comprising:
a cable having a cross-sectional shape, the cross-sectional shape of the
cable having a radius varying at different circumferential positions
of the cross-sectional shape;
a housing defining an internal cavity therein; and
a wall positioned to block access into the cavity of the housing, the wall
having an aperture defined therethrough, the aperture having a
shape and having a radius varying at different circumferential
positions of the aperture, at least a portion of the cross-sectional
shape of the cable having a shape complementary to the shape of the
aperture to inhibit ingress of an object into the internal cavity of the
housing between the cable and the wall, wherein the wall has a thickness
and the aperture of the wall has a shape substantially the same throughout
the thickness, and wherein the shape of the aperture is twisted from a front
surface of the wall to a rear surface of the wall about an axis extending
through the housing and the aperture.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The cable lock of claim 1~~ A cable lock, comprising:
a cable having a cross-sectional shape, the cross-sectional shape of the
cable having a radius varying at different circumferential positions
of the cross-sectional shape;
a housing defining an internal cavity therein; and
a wall positioned to block access into the cavity of the housing, the wall
having an aperture defined therethrough, the aperture having a
shape and having a radius varying at different circumferential
positions of the aperture, at least a portion of the cross-sectional
shape of the cable having a shape complementary to the shape of the
aperture to inhibit ingress of an object into the internal cavity of the
housing between the cable and the wall, wherein the aperture has a
scalloped edge.

8. (Original) The cable lock of claim 1, wherein the wall is shaped to prevent relative rotation between the cable and the wall.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The cable lock of claim 1~~ A cable lock, comprising:
a cable having a cross-sectional shape, the cross-sectional shape of the
cable having a radius varying at different circumferential positions
of the cross-sectional shape;
a housing defining an internal cavity therein; and
a wall positioned to block access into the cavity of the housing, the wall
having an aperture defined therethrough, the aperture having a
shape and having a radius varying at different circumferential
positions of the aperture, at least a portion of the cross-sectional
shape of the cable having a shape complementary to the shape of the
aperture to inhibit ingress of an object into the internal cavity of the
housing between the cable and the wall, wherein spiral grooves are
defined in an edge of the aperture and from a front surface of the wall to
a rear surface of the wall.

10. (Original) The cable lock of claim 1, wherein:
the cable is a wire cable including wrapped wire spirals; and
spiral grooves are defined in an edge of the aperture, the spiral grooves being
complementarily shaped to the spirals and adapted to receive the spirals therein when the cable is
inserted through the aperture.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of locking a cable lock, the method comprising:
inserting an end of a cable into and through an aperture of a wall, the cable
having a cross-sectional shape with a radius varying at different
circumferential positions of the cable, the aperture having a cross-
sectional shape with a radius varying at different circumferential positions
of the aperture, the cable and aperture having complementary shapes;
inserting the end of the cable into and through a housing in a first direction;
rotating the wall with respect to the housing;
preventing movement of the cable through the housing in a second
direction substantially opposite the first direction; and
blocking ingress of objects into the housing along a surface of the cable
through the aperture by the complementary shapes of the cable and
aperture.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising positioning the wall at least
partially within the housing.
13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the wall is disc-shaped.
14. (Canceled).
15. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the wall has a thickness and the aperture
of the wall has a shape substantially the same throughout the thickness.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the shape of the aperture is twisted from
a front surface of the wall to a rear surface of the wall about an axis extending through the
housing and the aperture.
17. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the aperture has a scalloped edge.
18. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the wall is shaped to prevent relative
rotation between the cable and the wall.

19. (Currently Amended) A cable lock, comprising:
a body having
a first portion defining a housing having an internal cavity; and
a second portion having an aperture therethrough ~~and~~, a visible
indicator thereon, and an exterior surface, the visible indicator
deformable under force applied to the second portion and being in
at least one of a raised position and a recessed position with respect
to the exterior surface of the second portion of the housing
immediately adjacent the visible indicator; and
a cable retained within the aperture in the second portion of the body,
the cable having an end insertable into the internal cavity of the
housing to lock the cable lock.
20. (Original) The cable lock of claim 19, wherein the second portion of the body defines
a crimped portion of the body.
21. (Original) The cable lock of claim 19, wherein the cable is retained within the
aperture in the second portion by a crimp.
22. (Original) The cable lock of claim 19, wherein the first portion and the second
portion are separate pieces connected together.
23. (Original) The cable lock of claim 19 wherein the body is an integral one-piece
element.
24. (Original) The cable lock of claim 19, wherein the cable is movable through housing
in a first direction but not in a direction opposite the first direction.

25. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a cable lock, comprising:
providing a body having a first portion defining a housing and a second portion having an exterior surface;
forming a visible indicator upon the second portion of a body, the visible indicator deformable under force applied to the second portion of the body and being in at least one of a raised position and a recessed position with respect to the exterior surface of the second portion of the housing immediately adjacent the visible indicator;
inserting a cable into an aperture in the second portion of the body; and
securing the cable within the aperture in the second portion of the body.
26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising coupling the first portion to the second portion.
27. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein securing includes crimping the cable within the aperture in the second portion of the body.
28. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the first and second portions are parts of the same integral element.
29. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the indicator is integral with material of the body.
30. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising moving the cable through the housing in a first direction; and resisting movement of the cable through the housing in a second direction opposite the first direction.

31. (Currently Amended) A cable lock, comprising:
a first housing;
a second housing rotatable within and with respect to the first housing;
a grip at least partially located within the second housing; and
a cable insertable ~~into~~ in a first direction into a passage within at least one of
the first and second housings ~~in a first direction~~, the cable having a locked
state ~~within the housing~~ in which the cable is movable with respect
to the second housing in the first direction but is restrained against
movement with respect to the second housing in a second direction
substantially opposite the first direction, and an unlocked state;
wherein the cable is rotatable relative to the first housing when in the locked
state; and
wherein the grip is movable to permit the cable to move in the first direction,
is engageable with the cable to restrain the cable from moving in the
second direction, and is movable about the passage in the unlocked state
of the cable.

32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently Amended) The cable lock of claim 32, wherein the grip is ~~one of~~
selected from the group consisting of a ball, a pin and a plate.

34. (Currently Amended) The cable lock of claim 31, further comprising a ~~second~~
third housing positioned within the first and second housings.

35. (Currently Amended) The cable lock of claim 34, wherein the ~~second~~ third
housing is moveable axially with respect to the ~~first~~ second housing.

36. (Currently Amended) The cable lock of claim 34, wherein the ~~second~~ third
housing is rotatable with respect to the ~~first~~ second housing in the unlocked state of the cable.

37. (Currently Amended) The cable lock of claim 34, ~~further comprising a grip at least partially positioned within the second housing, the grip being movable to permit the cable to move in the first direction and being engageable with the cable to restrain the cable from moving in the second direction, wherein the grip being is~~ spring-loaded in the second direction within the second housing.

38. (Currently Amended) The cable lock of claim 34, wherein the cable is insertable into the second housing and rotatable with respect to the second housing in the unlocked state of the cable.

39. (Canceled).

40. (Canceled).

41. (Currently Amended) The cable lock of ~~claim 39~~ claim 31, wherein the ~~at least one~~ grip is spring-loaded toward engagement with the cable.

42. (Currently Amended) The cable lock of claim 31, wherein the first housing is crimped at an end thereof.

43. (Currently Amended) The cable lock of claim 31, wherein the first housing has an open end, the cable lock further comprising an end cap positionable within the open end of the first housing, the first housing extending around an edge of the end cap to secure the end cap in the open end of the first housing.

44. (Currently Amended) The cable lock of claim 43, wherein the end cap has a peripheral edge enclosed by the first housing.

45. (Currently Amended) A method of locking a cable lock, the method comprising:
inserting a cable into a housing in a first direction;
feeding the cable into the housing and past at least one grip;
rotating the at least one grip about the cable in an unlocked state of the cable;
moving the cable to a locked position in which the cable is restrained from motion
in a second direction substantially opposite the first direction; and
rotating the cable with respect to the housing in the locked position of the cable.
46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, further comprising:
moving a the grip within the housing with the cable;
permitting the cable to move in a first direction past the grip; and
resisting motion of the cable in a second direction substantially opposite the first
direction with the grip.
47. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 46, wherein the grip is ~~one of~~ selected
from the group consisting of a ball, a pin and a plate.
48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 46, wherein the housing is a first
housing, the method further comprising feeding the cable into a second housing located at least
partially within the first housing.
49. (Original) The method of claim 48, further comprising moving the second housing
axially with respect to the first housing.
50. (Original) The method of claim 48, further comprising rotating the second housing
within the first housing.
51. (Original) The method of claim 46, further comprising biasing the grip into
engagement with the cable.
52. (Original) The method of claim 48, further comprising biasing the second housing in
a direction opposite a direction of insertion of the cable into the second housing.